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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Serial No.: 09/509,712

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For:

MAMMALIAN GENES INVOLVED IN

VIRAL INFECTION AND TUMOR

**SUPPRESSION** 

203-1X9 202-1X40.

AMENDMENT AND

ELECTION UNDER RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 9, 2001 wherein restriction of the claims of the above-identified application is required. A Request for Extension of Time is included herewith. Applicants also respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claim:

30. (New) A method of screening a compound for effectiveness in treating or preventing

a viral infection, comprising: